



Help Hope Home

Homelessness in Southern Nevada

Youth Homelessness

1,184

On any given night, there are 1,184 unaccompanied youth who are homeless in Southern Nevada.



I was a junior in high school when I found out my mom had become addicted to drugs. Later that year we lost our home and were in and out of weekly motels and family members' homes. The first day we were homeless I was scheduled to take my ACTs. I sat looking at the test, and thought, "What am I doing here? I don't have a future." Some nights I would have nowhere to go, so I would just ride the bus all night. During my senior year of high school I moved in with my friend and her family. At first my mom tried to stop me, but eventually she signed over guardianship. I was so happy on that day because I no longer feared that my mom and her addiction could interfere with my success. Next year, with support from the HOPE Scholars Program, I will graduate from UNLV with my Bachelors Degree. I'm applying for grad school to get my Masters Degree in Public Administration. I plan to start a nonprofit to help homeless youth. I didn't experience homelessness because of me, but I believe I experienced homelessness for me to make a difference and create change for other young people. Today I'm an advocate and have helped to pass statewide legislation to help homeless youth through my role on the Young Adults in Charge (YAC) Youth Action Board. I know this is just the beginning of the change I can make to end youth homelessness.

-Theresa

Nevada has the highest incidence rate of youth homelessness in the Nation

82% of homeless unaccompanied youth are unsheltered in Southern Nevada on any given night

22% of the total homeless population on any given night are unaccompanied youth

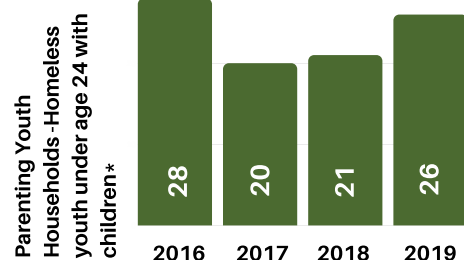
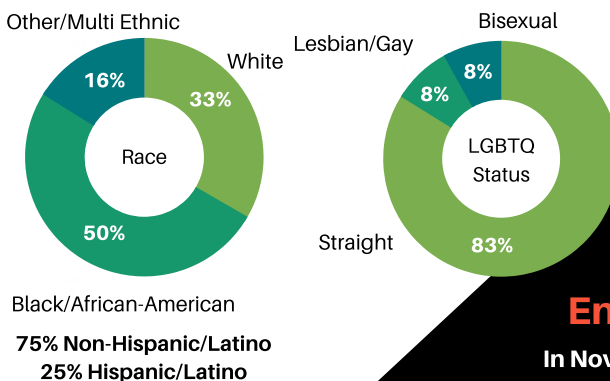
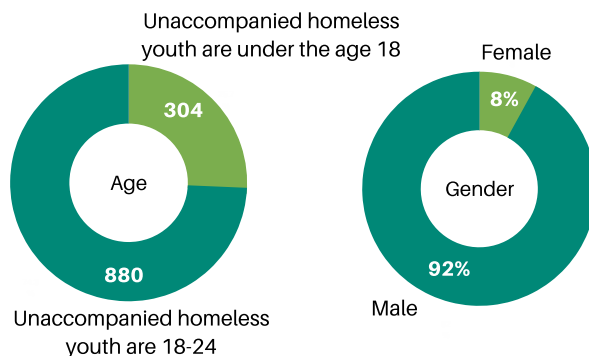
25% report their parent or caregiver was homeless

17% report they have experienced physical or emotional abuse

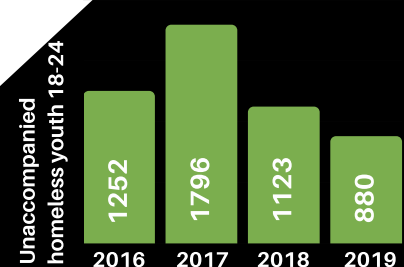
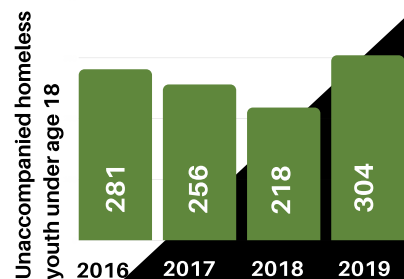
8% report neglect.

Leading causes

- Kicked out of family/friends homes
- Lost job
- Family/Domestic Violence



*this number is not reflected in the overall youth number since they are included in the family count



Ending Youth Homelessness

In November 2018, the Southern Nevada Plan to End Youth Homelessness was released. Join the movement to end youth homelessness and put the plan into action. <https://nphy.org/themovement>

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